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Teacher named best in country

A STOCKLAND primary school teacher has been named the best in the country at the annual "teaching oscars".

Caroline Ainsworth won big at the Pearson Teaching Awards as she was honoured with The Award for Teacher of the Year in a Primary School 2015, for the exceptional work that she does day in, day out.

Caroline was nominated for the award by a group of parents who wanted to demonstrate their appreciation for her work. Originally specialising in English and literacy, she also teaches art and music across the whole school. But it's her work in maths that has been applauded with parents of school children raving about the exceptional ability that Caroline instils in the children to enjoy the subject.

Caroline is also a mentor to colleagues both at school and across the county and is in great demand as a subject expert, sharing her expertise and successful strategies with a wide range of fellow professionals.

Parents and colleagues said they are very fortunate to have Caroline at the school.

On being presented with the award, Caroline said: "When you've been teaching for a long time it's very nice to be recognised like this, but I think this is more a reflection of several factors. I think it's a reflection of the community, the teachers, the children and the parents who all offer each other fantastic support. It's as much their award as it is mine. Although it is always lovely to win something."

The awards were announced at a glittering ceremony at London's Royal Opera House, hosted by TV historian Dan Snow.

In all, 11 Gold Plato winners were selected across the UK, chosen from thousands of nominations made this year.

Oscar Winning actress Emma Thompson, President of the Teaching Awards said: "I am genuinely proud and honoured to be the president of the teaching awards. I owe so much of what I've done to my fantastic teachers at school and university and it is exciting to join in celebrating what is probably the most important profession of them all."

Rod Bristow, President of UK and Core Markets, said: "Great Teaching makes the biggest difference to learning. Great teachers support young people, but they need and deserve our support so they too can express the vital confidence they give to young people. That's why I'm proud of the Pearson Teaching Awards and thrilled to be joining the celebrations. We are celebrating all these excellent teachers across the country who work tirelessly to change lives every day."



■ CAROLINE Ainsworth with her Gold Plato teaching award for Primary School Teacher of the Year

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Young actors shine in WWI inspired play

THE village of Payhembury has formed the backdrop to an ambitious theatre production performed by the Tale Valley Community Theatre.

The local amateur theatre group performed "They Dream of Home", a play written and directed by John Somers and inspired by WWI soldiers from Payhembury. And unusually the play was performed not on a stage, but in and around the village as a "promenade" performance.

The lead roles were all played by young people. Catherine Davies, who attends Uffculme School, played Gwen, a village girl who began to show affection for Bertie, a village youth played by Caius Nicholas, who attends The King's School, Ottery St Mary.

Audience members lauded his acting and his portrayal of Bertie was described as "exceptional" and "outstanding". The third young cast member to receive plaudits was Mark Rose, taking a gap year before drama school, who played Tom, a fellow recruit.

Both of the male roles reflected real young men who were killed in WWI and whose names are on the Payhembury memorial. After reading the script, relatives of both gave their permission for the use of their relatives' names in the play.

Mr Somers said: "Thankfully, as this was an outdoor, promenade production, with scenes happening at various village locations, the weather was fine and audience members were able to watch the scenes at close quarters.

"Thanks to the marvellous and much-appreciated co-

operation of Payhembury residents and pub-goers, the centre of the village was left free of cars and, with the church and its rows of cottages around it, the Green looked somewhat like it did in 1914."

The whole village got behind the production with many important scenes taking place in popular locations. The battlefield scene and Christmas truce was staged on the school playing field, but staging a play outside was not without its challenges.

Mr Somers said: "The challenge was how do you create the awfulness of trench warfare without damaging the field's surface. By a clever use of palettes, camouflage netting and sandbags Richard Pulman, Tony Treen and others constructed an excellent representation of 'the front'. With the stylised battle sound effects, created by Duncan Chave and carried on very powerful sound equipment and with clever lighting, the battle was realistically created in the dusk."

Threaded throughout the performance was a fifteen-piece band which accompanied both the scenes where



actors sang solos and during audience walks which took them from one scene to another. It was directed by Andy Hague who also did all of the arrangements for the 15 instrumentalists.

Mr Somers said: "Because this community theatre company lays emphasis on maximum community involvement, there are too many people to mention all participants. This was a great team effort with the direct involvement of 65 people whose ages ranged between 12 and 75. And the company was privileged to include serving marine Steven Leonard who played the Drill Sergeant who whipped the raw recruits into shape."



■ GWEN, the girl who was left behind, played by Catherine Davies



■ THE Squire (Robert Deane) encourages the men and youths to join up



■ THE recruits are drilled by an Officer (Richard Pulman). Recruits from right: Caius Nicholas, Mark Rose, Harry Mc Murtrie and Jacob Franks



■ BRITISH and German troops meet during the Christmas Truce

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■ **QUEUE** outside hall prior to opening

Sale raises £2,000 for Scouts

THANKS to the wonderful support of family and friends a record sum of more than £2,000 was made at the annual sale of 1st Hemyock Scout Group.

A large queue had formed outside the Parish Hall and the room was soon overflowing as people searched for one of the

many bargains to be had amongst the clothing, bric a brac, DVDs, books, soft furnishings, games and puzzles.

Outside, as well as a huge selection of footwear, there was a large selection of furniture and electrical goods ranging from TV's, a washing machine and breadmakers to settees and wardrobes.

The cake stall attracted many buyers and visitors were also able to enjoy cream teas and a barbeque.

Of the remaining goods some were sent to Wellington Rotary Club, British Heart Foundation and St Mary's Church Charity Shop.

The group would like to thank everyone for their continuing support.

Song for Hemyock

A LOCAL resident has written a song all about Hemyock.

"Hemyock Rocks" is a song about the area which has been put together by local resident John Hooper who composed, recorded and filmed it. The project was completed in his Culm Valley studio.

Anybody interested can play it on YouTube under the heading HEMYOCK ROCKS.

Triathlete finishes second

DUNKESWELL triathlete James Page has completed a triple Ironman challenge, finishing in second place.

In doing the event he has raised just under £3,900 for three charities, the Taunton Opportunity Group, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Child Bereavement UK.

Police sing at church

EXETER Police and Community Choir have performed a concert at St Mary's, Hemyock, writes Janice Bawler.

They had chosen a wide variety of music, ranging from swing through popular older songs, like "Congratulations" and "When I'm 64", to hymns, such as "The Day Thou Gavest".

Under their conductor, David Williams, their diction and dynamics were most commendable.

The baritone soloist, Mervyn Hayes, was obviously an experienced concert and stage performer, and he delighted us with such items as "Bless This House" and "Ol' Man River".

Both choir and soloist were enhanced by a brilliant accompanist, Sam Nickels.

They were a friendly group and the church looks forward to welcoming them again in due course.

A profit of £195 was made for The Friends of St. Mary's.



Cream tea raises £1,748 for hospital

■ **HAPPY** and Cliff Wright raised an amazing £1,748 for the Renal Unit of Honiton Hospital at a cream tea held in their garden at Hillcrest in Churchinford.

The afternoon included musical entertainment from Sarah and Lynner (pictured), stalls and a raffle and the couple would like to thank all those who attended.



■ **CROWDS** pack the hall looking for a bargain

Art class exhibition

UPOTTERY Manor Room art classes will be exhibiting their work, with all the proceeds going towards Hospice care.

The exhibition will be open to the public on Saturday, October 31st and Sunday, November 1st from 10am till 4pm at the Manor Room, Upottery, near Honiton.

Light refreshments will be available and there is an entrance fee of £1.

The artists exhibiting all attend one of three art classes which take place in the Manor Room on a weekly basis. The classes are on Monday mornings and Tuesday mornings and afternoons. The classes are taught by Linda Palmer and students can either choose whether to take on a project devised from Linda or carry on with a previous idea.

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■ JASPER the springer spaniel needs a home

Give a dog a home

A DESPERATE plea to find a new home for Jasper, a five-year-old male neutered English springer spaniel has been launched by Ferne Animal Sanctuary, Wambrook, near Chard.

Jasper has been at the sanctuary's kennels for six months and is now showing signs of depression.

Tara Nirula, Re-homing Manager at Ferne Animal Sanctuary said: "Some days he just lies in his bed looking so sad. It is heart-rending. Jasper urgently needs a place he can call home."

"Although he gets lots of care and attention from the

Animal care staff, he really needs a loving owner who is home most of the day as he doesn't like to be left on his own.

"Jasper is a very loving, loyal dog who can only cope with living with one person as he gets very attached to individuals."

"He is good with other dogs, but would be better as the only pet in the home as he likes all the attention. He is a very intelligent dog who loves playing fetch with a ball and his recall is excellent."

Jasper urgently needs someone who has a lot of time to give him plenty of

love. He enjoys human company and would make someone a wonderful companion.

Tara continued: "We are desperate to find Jasper a permanent loving home with a special owner who can give him another chance of happiness."

"Anyone who can help can either call me on 01460 64215 or email animalcare@ferneanimal-sanctuary.org"

To find out more about Ferne Animal Sanctuary, their upcoming events and how to become a valued volunteer, visit www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org or call 01460 65214.

Village welcomes Danish guest at annual harvest festival service



■ MRS Margaret and The Reverend Prebendary Andersen with Churchwarden David Bawler (below: A scarecrow by David Bawler)



THE Danish flag flew from the tower of St Mary's church, Hem-yock to welcome The Reverend Prebendary Andersen, who was guest speaker at the village harvest festival service.

The Reverend Prebendary Andersen, originally from Denmark, is now Superintendent Minister for Newport and Lower Wye Methodist Circuit, Wales.

Attended by a smaller than usual congregation, the church had been decorated under the leadership of Jane Attlee with autumnal flowers and foliage, fruit and vegetables with one window display marking the harvest of the sea.

Conducted by The Reverend David Burton, the service included well-known hymns and readings with the choir singing the anthem "Thou Vis-ith the Earth".

During the service a variety of goods and produce found in the parish were brought to the front of the church to be blessed. This included eggs, milk, sheep fleece, cider apples, flowers and preserves.

The final contribution was a selection of tinned and packaged goods, which will be donated to the local food bank, this year's harvest festival charity. Perishable goods and preserves were donated to a number of villagers.

Following the service a bring and share supper was held at the church room ending in entertainment of poems, readings and community singing.

Garden club to host supper

THE Blackdown Hills Gardening Club recently met to enjoy a presentation on "Bulbs Throughout the Year" by Mark Walsh of Trecanna Nursery, Cornwall.

More than 30 members and visitors were welcomed by chairman Graham Salmon.

Mr Walsh gave a very informative talk accompanied by photographs of numerous plants grown from bulbs he produces to provide year round colour and interest. He specialises in South African plants, especially Crocosmias.

Afterwards Mr Walsh sold bulbs from his stall while members enjoyed refreshments arranged by Alison Sampson and Shirley Haydon.

Treasurer, Colvin Parry, was on hand to take in the first subscriptions for 2016.

The final event to be held by the Blackdown Hills Gardening Club is a bring and share supper on Wednesday, November 18th at Churchinford Hall, 7.30pm.

There will be a demonstration of Garden and Christmas Willow work by Richard Kerwood from Windrush Willow.

There will be wine/soft drinks available at a fee of just £1.50 for members and £4.50 for visitors.

There will be no meeting in December and a new programme is being arranged.

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Village finally gets new hall after 15 years

YEARS of fundraising and hard work came to fruition when the new Broadhembury Memorial Hall was officially opened by television presenter Kirstie Allsopp.

The whole village seemed to turn out for the celebration.

Residents could try out the new facility as they were all invited to an evening reception with a hot supper and entertainment.

Project committee chairman Richard Cluett said: "The recently completed new hall is splendid, and the first user groups - craft, painting, gardening and pilates - have all been very pleased."

The original hall was built in the 1920s, but had been showing signs of age for some time.

Mr Cluett said fundraising started more than 15-years-ago, with about £100,000 being raised through local efforts during that time.

The total cost came to about £680,000, with major contributions coming from The Big Lottery and Viridor Environmental grants.

Mr Cluett also said that many people who had left the village since being part of the early fundraising efforts, returned to Broadhembury to witness the historic moment.



■ THE new hall is about twice the size of the previous one



■ KIRSTIE Allsopp has just opened the hall, ably assisted by local children

Road closed as improvements get underway

A TOTAL of £150,000 will be spent on road surface improvements in Broadhembury and Chardstock.

Work on the A373 Colliton Cross to Broadleaze, Broadhembury, was finished last month.

The A358 Chard Road at Chardstock will be resurfaced from Monday, November 9th.

A Devon County Council spokesperson said: "The road will be closed overnight from 7pm to 7am with traffic diverted via the A35 and A30."

"Work is due to be completed by Saturday, November 14th and will be carried out by Glendinning Contracting on behalf of the county council."



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Blackdowns clubs and organisations

Clayhidon Friends

MEMBERS enjoyed a very pleasant evening for with Debbie Quarman who brought all her needle felting bits and pieces for the group to be creative.

She provided a myriad of wools, felts and pretty buttons to decorate their artistic efforts. Debbie showed members how to use the wool and needles to create different shaped pads of "felt" which could be used to make decorations, coasters, broaches and much more. Needle felting requires few tools and is not an expensive hobby to take up.

This was a meeting when members could sit round the table and chat at the same time as they worked, which made the evening a relaxed and sociable occasion.

Thanks went to Debbie for introducing the group to such an attractive pass-time.

Sampford Arundel WI

PAULA gave a truly inspirational presentation to members of Sampford Arundel WI at their monthly meeting, although her subject was a sad one as it dealt with the care of children with life-limiting conditions.

Paula works for Children's Hospice, South West, from Little Bridge House, which was the first in the area – there are now two others. She briefly traced the history of the children's hospice movement, and talked about the services and support they provide for the children and their

families. Children can go with their family for respite care. Caring for children can put great strain on parents and siblings, but at the hospices they can relax a little and are accepted by staff and other families.

Paula told of the services that sometimes continued into teen-age years (including fishing or pampering days).

The competition for a hand-made Christmas decoration was well supported, and the entries would be hung at Little Bridge House.

Limericks for another competition – for the group meeting – were read out; the decision was very close.

A very happy and memorable evening was the unanimous opinion on the centenary outing – a mystery trip to the stars. Thanks went to those few who planned it so well and, miraculously, managed to keep the secret.

Lots of activities to both report and look forward to. The book club, craft 'n' laugh – making bunting by request, bring your own machine, (or whatever craft they wish). A 'sensational 60s' trip to Torquay is planned.

Then there's the Carol Festival at Wells, the County Annual General meeting (with Sampford members in the cast of the musical being staged there). And Sampford's own Christmas celebrations.

Sampford Arundel is to host the Spring group meeting, in March – ideas, please, and the national annual meeting will be in Brighton.

Hemyock WI

PRESIDENT Lyn Taylor welcomed Hemyock WI Members to the October meeting in Forbes Lounge.

Arrangements were finalised for the meal at Lakeside Manoron Friday, October 23rd.

Names were taken for the county skittles match against Culmstock.

Federation beauty days were promoted and Brenda and Lyn said they would go to Sidmouth for the resolutions meeting on November 23rd.

Lyn introduced Richard Whiteside and his partner who gave an excellent presentation of Autumn in the Blackdowns.

Their love of the countryside was very obvious and as well as photographs, they had brought specimens of plants and even parts of dead animals. It was a really good evening and they were warmly thanked by the president.

Competition winners were Bridget and Brenda.

On October 14th, Lyn drove Judith and Brenda to Plymouth where the Devon Federation held the autumn council meeting at the guildhall. This was an excellent meeting attended by more than 600 members. It was the first council meeting to be chaired by the federation chairman Julie Ayre. One of the guest speakers was Esther Rantzen who was given a standing ovation after her talk about her new venture, Silverline.

This is an organisation which helps lonely older people by linking them to a telephone friend who will always be ready for a friendly chat.

Blackdown Hills Transition Group

ONE reason we put, "building local resilience" in our strap line, I guess, is because the focus of our activity is local.

But anyone watching the TV or any other form of news or information media soon begins to see that similar events are happening all over the world. So it is not surprising if our human response, though local, arises from similar concerns.

This is shown up very clearly in a new and unusual film that has just premiered in Canada and is on its way to the UK. It is unusual in that although it is a film about climate change, it actually contains some positivity and hope.

It is based on the book "This Changes Everything" by Naomi Klein, which itself is surprising in that it received positive reviews from both the Daily Telegraph and the Guardian

newspapers.

It would be great if everyone wanted to read the book, but that is fairly hard work. So one way around that is to come and see the film.

Over the course of 90 minutes the film presents seven powerful portraits of communities on the front lines; from Montana's Powder River Basin to the Alberta Tar Sands; from the coast of South India to Beijing and beyond. Interwoven with these stories of struggle is Klein's narration, connecting the carbon in the air with the economic system that put it there. Unlike many works about the climate crisis, this is not a film that tries to scare the audience into action, it aims to empower. This Changes Everything aims to leave you refreshed and inspired, reflecting on the ties between us, the kind of lives we really want,

and why the climate crisis is at the centre of it all.

And one advantage of watching it in your local community is that, should you decide that you want to get involved, then there will be like minded local people and groups there so you can retire to the cafe bar to make your plans. So why not come and make up your own mind?

The plan is to show the film at the Beehive Community Centre in Honiton <http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk/> on Tuesday 24th November. So why not find some friends and come and make an evening of it.

If you fancy meeting others with a concern for local resilience to meet the challenges of climate change and energy depletion come along and join in or contact us via the website www.blackdownhillstransition.org.

Another good speaker was Helen Pearce who helps to run the Sheikhinah Mission which is based in Plymouth and helps many vulnerable people. Fifty to sixty people use their drop in centre each day. This charity is backed by many local businesses and has many success stories.

The third guest speaker came after

lunch break before which everyone had to make a hasty departure from the guildhall as the fire alarm went off. With the building still in tact, members were entertained by a group of ladies from Diptford WI.

Historian and novelist Julie Summers was wonderful and spoke without notes about her interests in history, her research for her novels,

one of which has been made into a series for television. She was fascinated by the history of the WI and quoted many instances, one of which was that when Lady Denman asked members to raise money for one ambulance during the war, she got enough for five. Entertainment then followed by ladies from Halwill WI. A really great day out.



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Carrying the baton to remember

A GROUP of keep-fit walkers from Honiton have completed a memorial walk to Smeatharpe airfield to remember the soliders who were based there during the Second World War.

The walkers carried a symbolic baton and were led by Alan Rowe, founder of the Baton charity, which supports families of service personnel.

They walked nine miles from Honiton to the Southwest Airfields Heritage Trust (SWAHT) centre, a restored WWII Nissen Hut, at Smeatharpe, where they were greeted by members of the SWAHT, families and wartime re-enactors before walking to the Moonhayes Memorial, passing Upton Airfield and returning to enjoy a BBQ and refreshments.

The event was organised following a visit to the centre by Helen Patton - granddaughter of the famous US General George Patton. She attended the trust's Upton Military Experience 2015 re-enactors weekend held in the summer and met Mr Rowe where the idea of the "Baton-Patton" was dreamed up. The Honiton Baton charity then joined forces with the Upton Living History Group to hold the memorial walk around the important WWII airbase.



THE celebration at the Southwest Airfields Heritage Trust centre

It is hoped to repeat the walk next October. The Upton Heritage Centre is open to visitors on most Wednes-

days and Sundays - see www.southwestairfields.co.uk for details of times and other events.

Appeal for charity Christmas boxes

A DEVON charity is appealing for donation of Christmas boxes to send to one of Europe's poorest countries this yuletide.

The Christian Response to Eastern Europe (cr2ee) charity, will be taking shoeboxes full of new gifts, to families in Moldova, for Christmas. They are

aiming to send 5,000 boxes.

The Upper Culm Valley has supported this charity for a number of years and a collection is now taking place in Hemyock.

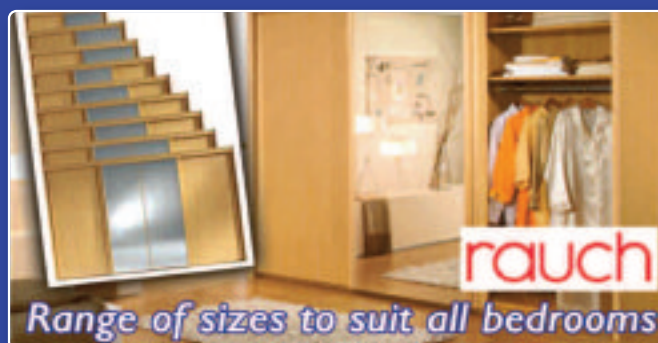
If you would like to take part simply fill a shoebox of any size with age related gifts, wrap securely in festive paper

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Blackdown Hills Christmas Markets at Castle Green, Taunton

THE Blackdown Hills Business Association will be running Blackdown Hills Christmas Markets at Castle Green, Taunton in the run up to Christmas as part of the Taunton Winter Lights festival of fire and light shows, brought to you by Fuse Performance.

Come along to see the Christmas Lights at Castle Green from Saturday, 28 November. You can come and meet a local blacksmith working at his forge and you will be able to buy handcrafted unique gifts such as hand-made jewellery, original art, handmade soaps, handcrafted willow sculptures.

You will be able to sample street food, locally produced ciders and local produce. We will also be joined by a number of local musicians. Blackdown Hills Christmas Markets will continue from Tuesday, December 1st to Christmas Eve.

Every day there will be artisan demonstrations and you can buy unique gifts for Christmas.

Taunton Winter Lights Festival will bring some special days of entertainment...

● Saturday, December 12th

As well as an all day Blackdown Hills Christmas Market, you will be entertained throughout the day with fire and light performances and installations, street theatre, Punch and Judy shows at 1pm and 3pm. There will also be a River of Light Parade - watch hundreds of beautiful lantern creations made by local school children and communities as they are paraded through the town centre from the Brewhouse Theatre, Bath Place, High Street and ending at the Blackdown Hills Christmas

Market at Castle Green at 5.30pm. Fire and Light performances will continue after the parade.

● Thursday, December 17th

As well as an all day Blackdown Hills Christmas Market including late night shopping to 9pm, you can also enjoy 'Winter Fire, Light & Lantern' performances and installations at Castle Green, from 6 to 9pm. Performances will be at 7pm and 8pm.

● Saturday & Sunday December 19th & 20th

As well as the Blackdown Hills Christmas Markets 'Winter Fire, Light & Lantern' performances & installations will take place at Castle Green between 4pm and 7pm and the performances will take place at 5pm and 6pm.

Rural, festive artisan market

DEVON farm Colliton Barton, near Cullompton, is playing host to a shopping event with a difference this Christmas, thanks to an Festive Artisan Market taking place on Sunday, November 15th. The market, which is now in its third year, will take place for the first time at this unique venue, thanks to the large numbers that attended in the past when it took place in the nearby village of Blackborough.

"There is no such thing as 'Click and Collect' or 'Black Friday' here. We're aiming to make Christmas shopping a really special occasion, by enabling purchasers to meet the makers behind the products, as well keeping hard earned pounds in our local community," said Helen Bottrell, one of the organisers. For the first time ever, visitors will also have the chance to learn how to make their own artisan items, including printed wrapping paper, willow structures, and felt animals.

"Feedback from our previous markets has told us that visitors really want to have a go themselves. So this year, the larger venue means that we can offer

workshops to adults and children enabling them to make their own gifts" Helen went on to say.

Visitors can sign up to the workshops by visiting the market's Facebook page which is: www.facebook.com/BlackboroughArtisanMarket

The artisan market takes place between 10am - 4pm on Sunday 15 November at Colliton Barton, near Cullompton. There is plenty of free parking available and the market is free to enter. There will be food on offer too, with local gastronomists such as Frannie Macaron, Burrow Farm, Little Van Rouge and The Traveling Pizzeria all in attendance.



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Famed artist at Thelma Hulbert Russell Crowe stars at Clayhidon movie night



CELEBRATED: artist Luke Jerram

HONITON's Thelma Hulbert gallery has launched its ambitious new art installation by internationally celebrated artist Luke Jerram, writes Peter Hodges.

The gallery defeated other UK venues to win the chance to work with Luke and the spectacular clock installation featuring around 800 time pieces will be available for the public to view now.

Gallery Curator, Angela Blackwell, praised the public support which saw the gallery win the national vote.

She said: "Winning has given us this fantastic opportunity to work with

Luke Jerram. Our supporters have been hugely generous in donating their clocks to create this installation which opens from now until 31st October with a really exciting programme of activities, talks and workshops throughout Half Term.

"THG will be open till 10pm on Friday 30th for Luke Jerram's talk and on Saturday 31st will culminate in a spectacular Halloween event featuring art activities and hot chocolate for little trick or treaters, woodfired pizzas, pop up cocktail bar and DJ to celebrate the Museums At Night Festival."

IN the second of Clayhidon's Movie Night trials, Moviola present *The Water Diviner*, directed by and starring Russell Crowe and inspired by true events.

Following the Battle of Gallipoli, a widowed farmer travels to Turkey to search of his three sons who are missing in action.

On arrival in Constantinople he finds his questions blocked by military bureaucracy.

Aided by a beautiful hotel owner (Olga Kurylenko) and then by a Turkish war hero (Yilmaz Erdogan) who becomes an unlikely ally, Joshua heads across the shattered landscape struggling to find his own peace and desperately holding on to hope.

The Guardian called this film a handsome crowd pleaser with a big heart, "a moral fable about the redemptive powers of forgiveness".

The Telegraph said it was "a stirring, unpretentious account of an ordinary man's search for truth in the battlefields of Gallipoli". Russell Crowe's character was "one of the most ordinary men Crowe has ever played - not a leader, barely a hero".

The Water Diviner, will be screened at Clayhidon Village Hall on Friday, November 15th at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm).

There will be a licensed bar, popcorn, ice cream and snacks.

Tickets £6 or £20 for a family ticket (two adults + two children).

Available on the door and in advance from Lucy Ball (tel 01823 680607) or email lucyball132@btinternet.com.

Tickets on sale for panto

TICKETS are now on sale for the latest productions at The Beehive from Honiton's premier performing arts group.

Honiton's annual pantomime, will this year be the swashbuckling pirate adventure of 'Peter Pan' and in addition to the annual Pantomime, the group are also performing a variety

show called 'Over the Sledge' in place of their regular summer variety show 'End of the Pier'.

Tickets for Peter Pan are £8 for adults and £6 for children as prices have been held from last year. The show is also offering 25% off children's tickets purchased before 1st January 2016.

The show will be hitting the stage in the evenings of February half term, February 16th to 20th with a matinee on Saturday February 20th, which is perfect for younger children and first-time theatre-goers.

In addition to the annual Pantomime, there

will also be a Christmas Variety Show named 'Over the Sledge' - a winter re-imagining of the groups popular 'End of the Pier' show which usually takes place in the summer.

At the variety show you can be sure to be entertained by singing, dancing and a Christmas themed supper complete with mince pies and cream; the perfect night out for friends, workmates and families. This production will be performed on tour around East Devon and at The Beehive on the December 4th and 5th in the evenings. Tickets will cost £14 including supper and pudding.

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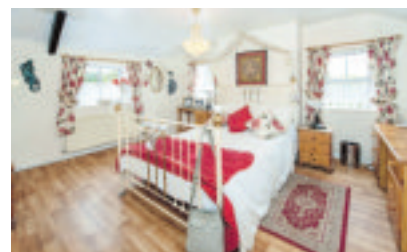
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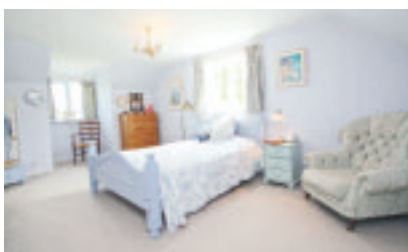
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